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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 29-30 and 34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/13/2004 has been entered.

DETAILED ACTION

1. - 24. (Cancelled)

Double Patenting

2. Claims 29-30 and 34 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 27-28 and 33. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Duplicate claims

Claim 29 is a duplicate of claim 27.

Claim 30 is a duplicate of claim 28.

Claim 34 is duplicate of Claim 33

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 25-26, 28, 30-32, 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minton (US 6,014,643) in view of Kalmus et al (hereinafter Kalmus; US 4,674,044).

Re. Claim 25, Minton discloses a data processing method and system which allows individuals to buy and sell securities directly from other individuals interactively or automatically through electronic network or internet [see entire document particularly, Abstract; Figures; C1 L4 to C3 L20; C4 L12-L30; C7 L46-L60; C8 L8-L59; C14 L65 to C15 L37], (a) the user selecting a trade-desired object and inputting an initial trade condition for selling or purchasing the selected object in the computer system, the initial trade condition including a price for selling or purchasing and a trade-desired quantity [Figure 6-11; C2 L60 to C3 L16; C9 L18-L35; C13 L46-L67], (b) the user inputting an automatic trade condition containing purchase and selling conditions (limit price) in the computer system, the automatic trade condition comprising conditions for deciding a selling price, a selling quantity, a purchase price and a purchase quantity for subsequent orders [Figure 6-11; C2 L60 to C3 L16; C9 L18-L35; C12 L54-L60; C13 L46-L67], (c) the user placing an initial trade order according to the initial trade condition

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in the computer system through the data communication network [Figure 3; C7 L9 to C8 L7], (d) the computer system, without an intervention by the user, generating and placing a purchase order and a selling order for trade according to the automatic trade condition immediately after the initial trade order has been contracted (it is known that the orders are executed after the orders are entered and immediately after accepted by second trader) [Figure 12; C3 L1-L16; C8 L8-L21; C14 L46 to C15 L25]. Minton does not explicitly disclose (e) immediately after one of the selling order and the purchase order is contracted, the computer system, without an intervention by the user, generating and placing another purchase order and another selling order for trade according to the automatic trade condition, (f) the computer system repeating the process e), wherein the selling order in each of the processes (d) and (e) is higher than the contracted price in each of the processes (d) and (e), and the purchase order price in each of the processes (d) and (e) is lower than the contracted price in each of the processes (d) and (e). However, Kalmus discloses these steps [Abs; Figures 2-5; C1 L5 to C2 L9; C4 L22-L50; C5 L60 to C8 L20] to provide an automated market making system for one or more securities. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine disclosures of Minton and Kalmus to provide an improved data processing based system for implementing an automated trading market for one or more securities.

Re. Claim 26, Minton further discloses wherein the trade-desired object is stocks, futures, or options [C1 L15-L19; C2 L60-L64].

Re. Claims 28 and 30, Minton further discloses wherein inputting the automatic ordering condition further comprises drawing up an automatic trade table, where an automatic trade order is generated from the automatic trade table [Figure 4-#425 & #432, Figure 5 # 512; C9 L58-L62; C10 L15-L27].

Re. Claim 31, Minton discloses limit order and auto-activation [C9 L12 to C10 L2].

Neither Minton nor Kalmus explicitly disclose a target profit rate, and calculating a profit rate from the completed contracts before repeating the process (e); comparing the calculated profit with the target profit rate; and the computer system stopping the automatic trading if the target profit is obtained [Figure 12; C9 L31 to C10 L2; C11 L1-L10; C11 L61 to C12 L4;]. However, limit order inherits this feature and calculating the rate is known simply the percent of profit. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to include calculating the profit with target profit rate to evaluate if he/she made more or less profit than his/her goal.

Re. Claim 32, claim 32 substantially is same as claim 25 and it is rejected with same rational as claim 25.

Re. Claim 35, this claim is rejected with same rational as claims 28 and 30.

Re. Claim 36, claim 36 is rejected with same rational as claim 31.

Re. Claim 37, Minton discloses a user interface at the user computer system for the user to input an automatic trade condition [Figures 1-2; C4 L37 to C7 L8], a memory device for storing basic information data including an item code of a stock and an account number of a stock holder input to the computer system through the user interface [Figures 1-2; C4 L12 to C7 L8], a trade condition control module for storing an automatic stock trade condition based on which a selling order including price and quantity and a purchase order including price and quantity for trade of the stock are determined [Figure 6-11; C2 L60 to C3 L16; C9 L18-L35; C12 L54-L60; C13 L46-L67]. Minton does not explicitly disclose a trade order control module for determining whether the automatic stock trade condition has been met and for placing a stock trade order according to the automatic stock trade condition at a new price through the data communication network if the condition is met, wherein through the data communication network, the trade order control module places repeatedly, without an intervention by the user, a new stock selling and a new purchase order according to the automatic trade condition immediately after the stock selling or purchase order is contracted at a contracted price, the new selling order price is higher than the contracted price, and the new purchase order price is lower than the contracted price. However, Kalmus discloses these steps [Abs; Figures 2-5; C1 L5 to C2 L9; C4 L22-L50; C5 L60 to C8 L20] to provide an automated market making system for one or more securities. It would

have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine disclosures of Minton and Kalmus to provide an improved data processing based system for implementing an automated trading market for one or more securities.

Claims 27, 29 and 33-34 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minton and Kalmus as applied to claims 26 and 32 above, and further in view of Gutterman et al (hereafter Gutterman: US Pat. 5,297,031).

Re. Claims 27 and 29, Neither Minton nor Kalmus discloses wherein the automatic trade condition generates selling and purchase order prices increased or decreased by a fixed amount from the previously generated orders. However, Gutterman discloses this step [C10 L14-L60; C4 L21 to C5 20] to establish a spread position and take a profit. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify the disclosure of Minton and Kalmus, and include selling and purchase order prices increased or decreased by a fixed amount from the previously generated orders, as disclosed by Gutterman, to allow customer to place order to establish or liquidate positions as the market moves up or down.

Re. Claims 33-34, claims are rejected with same rational as claims 27 and 29.

Response to Arguments

4. None. In light of new claims (25-37) introduced 8/13/2004 and canceling of claims 1-24 Applicant's arguments with respect to pending claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harish T Dass whose telephone number is 703-305-4694. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S Sough can be reached on 703-308-0505. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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